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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of )  
Hudson, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/900,336 )  
Filed: July 5, 2001 )  
For: **METHODS FOR PROTECTION OF )  
STRATIFIED SQUAMOUS )  
EPITHELIUM AGAINST INJURY )  
BY NOXIOUS SUBSTANCES AND )  
NOVEL AGENTS FOR USE )  
THEREFORE )**

Examiner: Sackey, E.  
  
Group Art Unit: 1626  
  
Attorney Docket No.: 22496/04060

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed, September 10, 2002, which was kindly faxed to the undersigned by Examiner Sackey on January 2, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

28. (Twice Amended) An agent which protects stratified squamous epithelium against injury by a noxious substance, and has the formula:

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